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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANGEL OROPEZA,
(a/k/a/ Jose Gamboa)

Defendant.

Case No.

CRO8-0057

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DECLARATION OF MAUREEN
BESSETTE IN SUPPORT OF UNITED
STATES' MOTION FOR SUMMONS

I, Maureen Bessette, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office assigned to the prosecution of this case. I have received the following information from agents employed by the Department of State Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) and from reports and other documents provided to me by the DSS.

2. On August 28, 2006, a United States Passport was issued to a person purporting to be Jose Gamboa. In applying for the passport, the applicant presented a State of California birth certificate for Jose Gamboa.

3. Following a computer cross-match, DSS Agents Jeff Dubsick and Jessy Alexander interviewed Angel Oropeza at his home in a meeting arranged by the Oropeza's sister. During

1 the interview, Oropeza confessed to using the birth certificate of his deceased brother-in-law
2 once removed to apply for and obtain the passport. He knew that the real Jose Gamboa had died
3 as an infant in 1985. He admitted that his true name was Angel Oropeza and his true date of
4 birth was March 24, 1969. All of his family members are American citizens and he has applied
5 for citizenship through his brother. He used the passport once in October 2006 to handle the
6 affairs of his now deceased father in Mexico.

7 4. Oropeza was in possession of the passport, birth certificate, and the Social Security card
8 for Jose Gamboa. He provided all of these items to the agents and they were seized as evidence.

9 5. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my
10 knowledge and belief.

11 Executed January 30, 2008 at Oakland, California.

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13 DATED: 1/31/08

Respectfully submitted,

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